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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: WESTERN GROUP IN MOZAMBIQUE BRIEF PRESIDENT MACHEL ON
NAMIBIA

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1. FRG AMBASSADOR (WEINDEL) AND CHARGES FROM BRITAIN (DE CHASSIRON), FRANCE (CARMONT) AND AMERICA WERE UNEXPECTEDLY CALLED TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AT 1000 THIS MORNING TO BRIEF MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL ON RESULTS OF CAPE TOWN TALKS ON NAMIBIA. FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED PREVIOUS EVENING, AND SERGIO VIEIRA CHIEF OF CABINET IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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WM MACHEL OPENED MEETING BY SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF OUR MEETING PREVIOUS EVENING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO BUT WAS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN NAMIBIA AND WANTED TO HEAR RESULTS OF CAPE TOWN TALKS HIMSELF. LIKE MEETING WITH CHISSANO, AMBASSADOR WEINDEL DELIVERED MOST OF BRIEFING, COVERING IN DETAIL ALL PERTINENT POINTS MADE IN REFTEL A. MACHEL LISTENED CAREFULLY, OCCASIONALLY NODDING HIS HEAD AND OC-

CASIONALLY SMILING. WHEN WEINDEL HAD FINISHED AND THREE CHARGES HAD REITERATED KEY POINTS OF BRIEFING, MACHEL BROKE INTO A FIFTEEN MINUTE TIRADE.

3. SPEAKING RAPIDLY AND EMOTIONALLY, MACHEL QUESTIONED WHY EUROPEANS IN NAMIBIA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTORAL PROCESS. HE ACCUSED THEM OF WORKING WITH SAG AND BEING INSTRUMENTS OF NATIONALIST PARTY. HE SAID THEY HAD NOT WORKED OR FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD IN ANY ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN ENGAGE IN PRACTICES DESIGNED TO DIVIDE THE AFRICAN MAJORITY. MACHEL SAID THAT SWAPO -- ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS UN AND OAU RESOLUTIONS -- WAS THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. SWAPO CADRES WERE MAKING THE SACRIFICES. THEY WERE SHEEDING BLOOD AND DYING. IT WAS ONLY RIGHT THAT SWAPO SHOULD BE GIVEN THE MOST PROMINENT POSITION IN AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA.

4. TURNING TO ROLE OF WESTERN POWERS, MACHEL SAID THAT THE "CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" WERE SEEKING A NAMIBIAN SOLUTION THAT WOULD PROTECT THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS. HE SAID NAMIBIA WAS A RICH COUNTRY AND THAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES THERE. AFTER DEVELOPING THIS THEME FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES, MACHEL MADE HIS ONLY PERTINENT COMMENTS OF MEETING. HE SAID THAT IF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE NOT ENGAGED IN "MANEUVERS" AND ARE LEGITIMATELY WORKING FOR "REAL" INDEPENDENCE, "WE WILL SUPPORT YOUR EFFORT."

5. FOLLOWING MACHEL'S OUTBURST, FRG AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED TO REBUT SOME OF MACHEL'S REMARKS AND TO REVIEW RESULTS OF FIE POWER EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO NAMIBIAN PROBLEM
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ALONG LINES OF UN RESOLUTION 385. MACHEL LISTENED RESTLESSLY, LOOKED AT HIS WATCH SEVERAL TIMES AND THEN AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT CALLED MEETING TO A CLOSE.

6. COMMENT: MEETING WITH MACHEL WAS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM FRIENDLY BUSINESSLIKE MEETING WITH CHISSANO PREVIOUS DAY. MACHEL WAS EMOTIONAL, TALKED IN IDEOLOGICAL CLICHES AND NEVER ONCE COMMENTED ON SUBSTANCE OF KEY POINTS MADE IN BRIEFING ON NAMIBIA.
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